

Tuesday, January 11 at 11 a.m.
Univera Insurance Representative at
Center to Discuss Insurance

Univera Health will be at the center to answer any questions you may have concerning your health care. Stop in and ask Bianca any questions you might have.

Tuesday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m.
Encompass 65 Representative at Center to Discuss Insurance

Today we will have a representative from Encompass 65 here to answer any questions regarding healthcare. *Starting this month, Encompass 65 will now meet on the second Tuesday of the month.* All members are encouraged to attend and find the answers to what can sometimes be troubling questions.

Thursday, January 6 at 10 a.m.
Basic Beginner Computer Course

The center has space in one of the last basic beginner computer classes led by Daniel Whitman. The class will begin on Thursday, January 6. Class dates are January 20, 27 and February 3. All classes will begin at 10 a.m.

This will be the last Basic Beginner Class until mid-Spring. Please sign up in the office if you would like to join the class. The cost is \$100.

Friday, January 14 at 3 p.m.
Soap Making Workshop

Making bath soap is easy and fun. Today there will be a workshop led by Bethany introducing the fun of soap making. Included in the workshop will be how to make your soap in different forms, colors and scents. Attendees will make natural soap that they will be able to take home on Tuesday, January 18. The cost is \$5. *Please sign up in the office by Friday, January 7 at noon if you would like to attend this workshop.*

Thursday, January 27 at 2:30 p.m.
Stroke Awareness Presentation

Dorothy Levitt, Program Coordinator of Wise & Well, a Program with the Department of Senior Services will come to the center today to give a presentation on strokes. This is an opportunity to have your blood pressure screened and learn ways to reduce the risk of "brain attack." *Please sign up in the office if you are interested in attending.*

Nature Club

When: Thursday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Note: Date change because of Annual Meeting

Where: Emery Park

It's time for our annual snow party. Bring your x-country skis, snow shoes and hiking sticks, we'll spend a little time out in the fresh air. Then it's time to head for the cabin and the chili pot and other goodies. Call or see Marge Keating (741-2712) as to what you will bring. Games will be played after, so bring your favorite one.

Marge Keating

Saturday, February 5, 2005 1—4 p.m.

Mardi Gras Party

In response to suggestions from members, we're planning something new for 2005 -- a Louisiana style Mardi Gras party! One of the area's most popular jazz ensembles, The Tin Roof Jazz Band, will present their Mardi Gras celebration program. This special event will be held on February 5 in the beautiful new banquet facilities at Orazio's Restaurant. It will be held from 1 – 4 and the cost is \$20. Please see your newsletter for more information.

Travel Club News

Happy New Year! Hope your family enjoyed a blessed Christmas.

Have you checked our bulletin board? We have two winter trips you might want to consider. The first is a trip to Florida to get away from our snow and enjoy the sunshine.

In March, a trip to San Antonio, Texas has been prepared.

If you're interested in either trip, pick up a flyer at our bulletin board.

Our next meeting is Friday January 14 at 11 a.m.

H.Koegler

Movie Night News

Due to lower attendance numbers in the winter months, movie night will not be held in January, February, or March. Movie night will resume in April.

If you would enjoy an afternoon movie the third Friday of the aforementioned months, please see Bethany and a movie will be scheduled.

Thursday, February 10 at 1 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Training

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) of Erie County will be holding a orientation and refresher meeting for residents of Erie County who are 55 and older.

The benefits of being an R.S.V.P. volunteer include:

- The opportunity to try new things and meet new people
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are needed and appreciated
- The Tribute Day – which is an annual recognition event
- Travel reimbursement (mileage, bus, rapid transit)
- Supplemental accident and liability insurance

Volunteer News

I would like to publicly thank the volunteers who volunteered on hectic Flu Shot Friday.

Whether you baked for the bake sale, sold our goodies, directed people, helped people fill out their forms, manned the 50/50 table, or did any of the myriad of the little but important things, you made the difference! Your assistance did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I thank you all for volunteering. I couldn't have done it without you!

If you would be interested in volunteering to help at upcoming programs, please see me. I would love to have you!

Bethany

Computer Volunteers Needed

The center has four computers in the library. As per Board suggestion, the staff is looking for volunteers who have a good knowledge of computers and would be willing to offer members assistance should they need any during open computer time. The goal is to have five volunteers who would be able to volunteer at different times during the week. Thus far, we have one. If you think you would be able to help members on computers, please see Bethany or Kyle for more information so the open computer time can begin as soon as possible.

Computer Classes

The center is now offering basic beginner and intermediate computer classes with professional, independent instructors. The classes meet Tuesday mornings from 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Thursday mornings from 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m. Students were contacted in the order they registered interest. There is a charge of \$100 per each class session of 4—6 weeks.

If you registered and have not been called, your name has been placed on a waiting list. As class space becomes available, you will be contacted. If you did not register interest and want to be considered for future classes, please contact the office.

Volunteers Needed for the AARP Tax Program

This is your last opportunity to sign up for income tax training. It qualifies you to take an IRS certified exam to become a tax preparer for low, middle income taxpayers, giving special attention to those 60 and older.

The training program is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 and will continue on Friday January 7 and into the following week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lunches are available at the Center but you must make a reservation in advance.

After passing the qualifying exam, you will be a certified tax preparer and can provide tax service beginning in February at either the Senior Center or the Clarence Library.

Last year we handled over 400 returns and expect an increase in 2004.

The only requirements are; a willingness to commit some of your free time, being comfortable with simple math and having a basic knowledge of a computer.

If you are interested please call Henry Brodowski at 633-1063 for further information or to register for the training.